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City Council to Continue Hearing on Strategic Framework Oct. 22

City of Villages Discussion Picks Up Where September 23 Meeting Left Off

SAN DIEGO--The second round of public discussion on the Strategic Framework will take place at 10am on Tuesday, October 22, as part of a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Members of the public will again be given a chance to express their views on the City of Villages concept that is a crucial element of the proposed Strategic Framework.

"I am pleased that we will have this second opportunity for testimony because we need our other Councilmembers to hear from a wide range of our community leaders who support the concept of a City of Villages," said Third District Councilmember Toni Atkins. "Many of them support it for the same reasons that I do. This plan actually holds the line on increases in densities to the levels that already exist under our current community plans. Council District Three has taken the lion's share of density over the last three decades, and it is now time to focus on the infrastructure deficiencies that this created."

The meeting will be held in Council chambers on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street, downtown. Community members are encouraged to attend and let their voices be heard.

"I believe that the Strategic Framework offers us an opportunity to address those issues and hold the City accountable to find the money to do this. We have spent years trying to revitalize our neighborhoods with the resources that have been available to us, and we have made great strides forward," said Atkins. "Now, by implementing the City of Villages, we can begin creating a financing plan for our current and future needs--not just in District Three, but citywide."

For more information about the upcoming Strategic Framework hearing, call 619/236-6633